# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ETE ADOTE, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

1:24-CV-0406 (MAD/DJS)

PLUG POWER INC., ANDREW MARSH, and PAUL B. MIDDLETON,

Defendants.

DONGHO LEE, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff.

v.

1:24-CV-0598 (MAD/DJS)

PLUG POWER INC., ANDREW MARSH, and PAUL B. MIDDLETON,

Defendants.

## **ORDER**

WHEREAS, the Court has considered the competing motions for consolidation, appointment as Lead Plaintiff, and approval of Lead Counsel,

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

## **I. CONSOLIDATION OF RELATED ACTIONS**

1. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42, and for the reasons set forth in the Court's recent decision, the above-captioned related actions are hereby consolidated

for all purposes into one action.

- 2. These actions shall be referred to herein as the "Consolidated Action." This Order shall apply to the Consolidated Action and to each case that is subsequently filed in this Court that relates to the same subject matter as in the Consolidated Action.
  - 3. Every pleading in this Consolidated Action shall bear the following caption:

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

# IN RE PLUG POWER INC. SECURITIES LITIGATION

No. 1:24-cv-00406-MAD-DJS

#### THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

# [TITLE OF DOCUMENT]

- 4. When the document being filed pertains to all actions, the phrase "All Actions" shall appear immediately after the phrase "This Document Relates To:". When the document applies to some, but not all, of the actions, the document shall list, immediately after the phrase "This Document Relates To:", the docket number for each individual action to which the document applies, along with the name of the first-listed plaintiff in said action.
- 5. This Court requests assistance of counsel in calling to the attention of the Clerk of this Court the filing or transfer of any case which might not properly be consolidated as part of this Consolidated Action.

#### II. LEAD CASE

6. The lead case shall be No. 1:24-cv-00406-MAD-DJS. All orders, pleadings, motions, and other documents shall, when filed and docketed in the lead case, be deemed filed and docketed in each individual case to the extent applicable. All other cases shall be designated as member cases, but all filings in these consolidated actions shall be filed in the lead case.

#### III.APPOINTMENT OF CO-LEAD PLAINTIFFS AND LEAD COUNSEL

- 7. Having reviewed all pending motions and accompanying memoranda of law, the Court hereby appoints David Bruder and Randy Slipher (together, "Bruder and Slipher") as Co-Lead Plaintiffs in the Consolidated Action. Bruder and Slipher satisfy the requirements for appointment as Co-Lead Plaintiffs pursuant to Section 21D(a)(3)(B)(iii) of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "PSLRA").
- 8. Co-Lead Plaintiffs, pursuant to Section 21D(a)(3)(B)(v) of the PSLRA, have selected and retained Pomerantz LLP as Lead Counsel for the Class in the Consolidated Action.
- 9. Lead Counsel shall have the following responsibilities and duties, to be carried out either personally or through counsel whom Lead Counsel shall designate:
  - (a) to coordinate the briefing and argument of motions;
  - (b) to coordinate the conduct of discovery proceedings;
  - (c) to coordinate the examination of witnesses in depositions;
  - (d) to coordinate the selection of counsel to act as a spokesperson at pretrial conferences;

- (e) to call meetings of the plaintiffs' counsel as they deem necessary and appropriate from time to time;
  - (f) to coordinate all settlement negotiations with counsel for defendants;
- (g) to coordinate and direct the pretrial discovery proceedings and the preparation for trial and the trial of this matter and to delegate work responsibilities to selected counsel as may be required; and
- (h) to supervise any other matters concerning the prosecution, resolution, or settlement of the Consolidated Action.
- 10. No motion, request for discovery, or other pretrial proceedings shall be initiated or filed by any plaintiffs without the approval of Lead Counsel, so as to prevent duplicative pleadings or discovery by plaintiffs. No settlement negotiations shall be conducted without the approval of Lead Counsel.
- 11. Counsel in any related action that is consolidated with this Consolidated Action shall be bound by the organization of plaintiffs' counsel as set forth herein.
- 12. Lead Counsel shall have the responsibility of receiving and disseminating Court orders and notices.
- 13. Lead Counsel shall be the contact between plaintiffs' counsel, and shall direct and coordinate the activities of plaintiffs' counsel.
- 14. Defendants shall effect service of papers on plaintiffs by serving a copy of same on Lead Counsel by overnight mail service, electronic or hand delivery. Plaintiffs shall effect service of papers on defendants by serving a copy of same on defendants' counsel by overnight mail service, electronic or hand delivery.

15. During the pendency of this litigation, or until further order of this Court, the parties shall take reasonable steps to preserve all documents within their possession, custody, or control, including computer-generated and stored information, and materials such as computerized data and electronic mail, containing information which is relevant or which may lead to the discovery of information relevant to the subject matter of the pending litigation.

#### SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 25, 2024 Albany, New York

Daniel *J.* Stęwa<mark>ri</mark>

U.S. Magistrate Judge